REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. No claims have been added, amended or canceled.

This amendment is being filed to correct an obvious error in the priority information of the present specification. Applicants respectfully refer the Examiner to the executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Kecia J. Reynolds (Reg. No. 47,021) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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